

Winston-Salem / Forsyth County Tree Ordinance Committee Vision Statements

Members of the Winston-Salem / Forsyth County Tree Ordinance Committee expressed their own vision for the committee and community. Listed are the vision statements of individual committee members.

- A. Develop an ordinance that provide for sustainable development, while preserving the community's existing natural resources.
- B. Retention and development of a healthy percentage of tree canopy in the city and county.
- C. Attractive, healthy trees that are preserved through proper planning, design, protection and maintenance.
- D. A healthy, beautiful community with healthy, beautiful trees.
- E. Do things that are good for my community.
- F. Winston-Salem will balance "wants" with "realities" and keep requirements from unduly burdening any one group.
- G. Conserving urban canopy to protect quality of life we presently enjoy in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.
- H. Work out a mutually beneficial ordinance that protects private property rights and does not compromise affordable housing, but enables planting areas to be preserved when possible.
- I. A community where diverse interests working collaboratively create win-win solutions that are better than can be achieved otherwise.
- J. An adopted, fully implemented, enforced and maintained tree and woodlot ordinance that conserves an abundance of existing trees including significant and heritage trees, adds to the tree population through systematic planting, and educating the public about the importance of both urban and rural woodlands for the health, diversity, and beauty of our plant, animal, water, air and human environments.
- K. Forsyth County protects its air and water resources using trees and vegetation to the maximum extent possible both for economic stability and the aesthetics of a natural environment and provide to its resident critic.
- L. The group will come together to create an ordinance that meets most of "our" needs, most of the time.
- M. Winston-Salem continues to be blessed with trees, just as it has been with minimal intrusion from government processes.